(b) what are the effective steps taken to avert the misuse if any, by a very few Members;

whether a study has been made to assess the effect of the monitoring Committee on MPLADS, why it was not made effective but almost defunct; and

whether it is a fact that there has been increasing demand and pressure for the increase of MPLADS grant per year and if so, whether it would not be considered favourably particularly when it is so popular and useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir. MPLADS is a useful Scheme.

The Guidelines on MPLADS have been revised comprehensively to make this Scheme more transparent. As and when complaints is received about misuse of MPLADS funds, the same is got investigated by the concerned district/State authorities and action is taken against the defaulters. Role of all concerned authorities has been clearly mentioned in the Guidelines.

Yes Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) of the Planning Commission has made a study in November 2001 to assess the effect of the monitoring Committee on MPLADS. On the basis of the .unds, the recommendations of the PEO, a provision has been made in the revised Guidelines on MPLADS for constitution of a Committee under the Chairpmanshipofthe Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary to review MPLADS implementation progress with the district authorities and MPs at least once in a year.

Yes. Sir. There is demand from some Members of Parliament to increase the annual funding for MPLADS. For the year 2006-07, Rs. 1589 crore have been budegeted under MPLADS.

Demolition at MG Road

2837. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether'it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi carried out demolition at 1 & 2 MG Road stating that they are unauthorised constructions; and

(b) if so, who are responsible for these illegal constructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAYMAKEN): (a) and (b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that the properties at 1 & 2 MG Road, constructed by M/s Grand Estates Pvt. Ltd. and by M/s Prakash Infrastructures Systems Ltd. respectively, have been demolished as unauthorized constructions.

Development of Towns in AP Under IDSMT

2838. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

.(a) the number of towns in Andhra Pradesh identified for development under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) during the last three years;

the funds allocated for development of each of these towns and utilisation thereof during the last three years, year-wise, indicating the details of the basic facilities developed in these cities; and

the new towns of the State proposed to be brought under IDSMT scheme during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAYMAKEN): (a) As per available information, 49 towns (new and ongoing projects) in the Andhra Pradesh have been identified for development under Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme during last three years as per details given in the enclosed Statement (See below)

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha;

Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme has been subsumed in Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) which has been launched on 3rd December, 2005. Therefore, new towns will be taken up under UIDSSMT Scheme during the current year.